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COMMUNIST, SOCIALIST WORKERS STILL BATTLE AUSTRIA FASCISTS

War Danger Sharp as
Imperialists Clash
on Austria
See World Events,
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VIENNA, Austria, Feb. 18.—Today, more than a week since the start of the uprising against Austrian fascism, the courageous workers of Vienna are still fighting in various parts of the city, by no means ready to give up although poorly armed, and knowing that the gallows is the fate of every revolutionist caught with arms.

The disablement of the telephone service in several important centers, indicates that the fascist government will also come up against the organized sabotage actions of the workers, designed to cripple the most basic economic branches.

Pointing out that many have already been hanged, and that the same fate awaits thousands more for their valiant fight to stop the advance of fascism, workers are called to sweep aside all who stand in the way of united action at such a moment.

In all cities demonstrations should be arranged under the joint auspices of the Communist Party, Socialist Party branches, fraternal, trade union and similar organizations. Resolutions should flood the Austrian embassy in Washington, D. C., and delegations should visit consulates wherever they exist, to demand the release of the Austrian Socialist and Communist workers. (Continued on Page 5, Col. 4)

**Belgian Socialists
for Monarchy, but
Communists Defy**

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Feb. 19.—Following with the sweep against fascism in Europe, the Belgian Communist Party in a manifesto calls upon the workers to refuse to recognize the accession of the Belgian King Leopold to the throne, and to demand a republic.

The revolution was a splendid show of united action between the Socialist and Communist workers over the heads of the reactionary Social-Democratic leaders, who have betrayed the workers. (Continued on Page 5, Col. 3)

**San Joaquin Power
Co. Tries to Split
Ranks of Farmers**

ANNOUNCE CHEAPER OFFER
OF SURPLUS POWER AS
MOVE AGAINST STRIKE

CHOWCHILLA, Cal., Feb. 15.—In an effort to break the strike of farmers in this vicinity for half reduction on power rates, and a halving of back bills, the San Joaquin Light & Power Co., and Midland Counties Public Service corporation are making an offer which on its surface appears to be a concession but which is of no use to the farmers involved. Admitting they will not cut down on their dividends, and that business has been on the decline they offer all consumers surplus power for a two-month period to begin in April, at the amount paid for the month of March. The farmers would be allowed to use in both April and May, more than normally consumed in those months, and pay half price for the excess of their March bill for each month. Consumers using less will be charged the regular amount. Of course, there is an IF in the matter—it may be done, perhaps, if their scheme is approved by the railroad commission, proving the "offer" to be only a move to disrupt the ranks of the farmers, for the scheme can be scrapped any time it first succeeds in splitting the small farmers.

But they, unable to see how they can use this year more power than last year, when they can't even pay last year's bills, are standing by their demands for reduction of half in the back bills and of the rates for this year.

The United Farmers League is urging all small farmers to join their movement and force the rates down. (Continued on Page 5, Col. 5)



15 Jailed as 1000 Sacramento Jobless Fight Shelter Boss

STRUGGLE FLARES WHEN ORGANIZATION RIGHT IS REFUSED

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 14.—Fifteen workers were kicked out of the Government Shelter today for trying to organize and demanding better food, clothing, etc., after a fight which involved the 1000 workers. Several were hurt in the melee.

Answering the statement of Jacobs, manager of the shelter, in the Sacramento Union, that good food and clothing was provided, workers put up a notice on the bulletin board exposing the lie, and calling for formation of a grievance committee. Jacobs tore the leaflet down and challenged anyone to debate the conditions in the shelter. One man, Sands, took him up and exposed the rotten conditions. Unable to answer, Jacobs said: "Well, anyone can have my job if they don't like the way things are run." When Sands took the offer up, too, Jacobs ran to his office. After talking with the rest of the workers Sands went to the office saying he would take over the job and his pay would go into food for the workers.

The men have only been getting the scantiest of slop, while Jacobs and his flunkies eat ham and eggs and other good food by themselves, aside from carrying home cases of the food and new clothes.

Some of Jacobs' flunkies tried to throw Sands out and the fight began, resulting in the arrest of fifteen workers.

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**3,000 Respond to
Portland Call of
Single Unemployed**

JOBLESS DEMONSTRATIONS
RESULT IN RAPID GROWTH
OF LOCAL

PORLTAND, Ore., Feb. 16.—More than 3000 workers responded to the call of the Single Workers Local of the Unemployed Council Tuesday in a mighty demonstration in Plaza Park to protest against all forms of discrimination against the unemployed, particularly regarding medical care, against forced labor on the soup lines, and to demand adequate cash relief for all single unemployed in Portland.

While the meeting was progressing in the Plaza, the police mobilized before the County courthouse for fear the demonstration might move into the building. Instead, they went in a body to back up their demands at the CWA offices at the Panama Building, where they (Continued on Page 5, Col. 5)

I.L.D. Fight Wins New, Hearing for Jordan

Delegation of Workers to Hold Open Mass Trial of Boss Courts; Warn that Mass Pressure Must Continue

BULLETIN

PORLTAND, Ore., Feb. 16.—The long fight under the leadership of the International Labor Defense and the Jordan Defense Committee, has finally forced the Oregon Supreme Court to grant the framed Negro a re-hearing.

FILIPINO WORKERS
RALLY TO ORGANIZE
FOR ASPARAGUS CROP

STOCKTON, Cal., Feb. 15.—The Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union called a meeting Saturday of the Filipino workers to start organizing in preparation for the coming struggle in the asparagus fields next week. Twenty-five Filipinos attended. An Executive Committee of eleven was elected and all those present pledged to join the union. Following discussion, a scale of \$1.25 per 100-lbs. for picking asparagus was decided on as the main demand.

During the meeting a Filipino faker got up and made a plea for the contractors saying that since the workers were so well taken care of they shouldn't turn traitor to the bosses. But when a Filipino put him on the spot, demanding that if he was so sympathetic to the workers that he join the union and help the fight for better wages, the faker left.

Members of the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League pledged to support the Filipino branch in its fight.

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COMMUNIST ELECTION NOMINATING CONVENTION TO BE IN S. F. ON MAY 6; SIGNATURE WEEK, MARCH 4 TO 11

Convention to Be Big Mass Congress of Toilers to Name Only Workers' Ticket in State

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—The Communist Party Election Campaign Committee announces that within a week the calls for the State Nominating Convention to be held in San Francisco on May 6, will be out.

The call will be sent to all workers organizations in the state, including the Socialist Party branches, for delegates to organize a solid united front behind the only workers ticket in the state.

With the object of making this convention a great gathering to launch the most active campaign in the history of the California workers, apportionment of delegates will bring at least 1,000 from all parts of the state. Each state-wide organization is entitled to three delegates from its state committee, and one delegate from each of its local branches or units. Each unit of the Communist Party, branch of the Socialist Party, of the International Workers Order, I. L. D., Union locals, Unemployed Councils, United Farmers League, etc., is entitled to one delegate. All such organizations not receiving the calls should call for them at the local campaign offices.

From reports in the campaign committee's office, approximately 3,000 signatures to place the Communist Ticket on the ballot have already been collected. The total needed is 23,500, and the thousands now circulating petitions should report to the local offices so that a check-up could be made. The signatures must all be in prior to the nominating convention.

The week of March 4th to March 11 will be a State Red Week in the signature drive. All with petitions are to be organized for a daily collection during the entire week, and a thorough mobilization will assure the bulk of the signatures by March 11. All should report to the local campaign committees, where districts to be canvassed will be given them.

All workers and sympathizers are again called to change their registration to Communist, as soon as possible. Sponsors will be needed in all parts of the state, totalling more than 3,000 and they must all be registered Communists. All attempts to prevent such re-registration on the part of the county registrars is illegal, and should be reported immediately to the State Election Campaign Committee's office at 37 Grove St., San Francisco.

Hopkins Admits
Almost Million
are Already Fired

Firing Will Result in
the Biggest Jobless
Army in History

FRIDAY WILL BE THE LAST PAY DAY FOR 572,000 CWA WORKERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, AS THE FIRST FIRING TAKES EFFECT. IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A 10 PERCENT WEEKLY CUT IN THE NUMBER OF JOBS AND BY MAY 1 THE CWA PROGRAM WILL BREATH ITS LAST.

Harry L. Hopkins, Federal relief administrator, announces that the first cut will leave 3,104,400 on CWA payrolls. Since there were 4,000,000 on, the 325,000 not accounted for were in the preliminary lay-offs during the last few weeks.

Although President Roosevelt was sure that when the CWA program ends there will be regular jobs for all on CWA, the 4,000,000, together with those now out of work will make the greatest army of unemployed since the advent of the crisis. The latest reports of the Labor Department in Washington, gives 2,337,000 as the number placed on jobs since March 1933. This is even less than the number claimed to have been placed on jobs up to November when the CWA jobs started. No account is given of the number added to the army of unemployed which stood at 17,000,000 on March 4, when Roosevelt walked into the White House. The 450 million dollars allotted for the CWA will only last until the program tapers off by May 1.

In the same report the Labor Department claims that the cost of living since March 1933 rose by less than 2%. CWA OFF RELIEF

The 4,000,000 will remain off relief, and although Hopkins promises that each in need will be taken care of, the workers will have to fight to get on relief. In the meantime in San Francisco, the Blue Book union of San Francisco, the ILA officialdom and the fink-hands, would take away the right of the men to strike by setting up a National Industrial Relations Board of two shipowners, two workers' representatives and one "impartial" chairman, whose decisions would be final. Another point of the Ryan plan is "decentralization". (Continued on Page 5, Col. 2)

S. F. SINGLE JOBLESS PRESENT DEMANDS TO S. F. SUPERVISORS

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—A delegation from the single unemployed led by the Unemployed Council and Workers Ex-Servicemen's League today presented demands to the Board of Supervisors for cash relief or work at union wages. Backing up their demands were petitions signed by thousands of unemployed and hundreds of businessmen. Seeing this, Supervisor Uhl told the delegation to "go get all your grievances and bring them up next Friday to the meeting and if you will work with us we might be able to do something."

The delegation will return next Friday, not to play along with Uhl but to fight for their demands until they are granted.

3,000 FORCED TO EVACUATE DESERT CAMP; ORDERED OUT OF COUNTY

Strikers Call for Quick Relief as Hunger Becomes Acute; 3 Babies Die from Unsatisfactory Water

BULLETIN

CALIPATRIA, Cal., Feb. 20.—Twenty-five strikers were arrested today as a mobilization of police began forcing pea pickers to evacuate "Young's Camp" on the desert. 3,000 were in the camp. The eviction was ordered by local authorities on grounds that the camp was unsatisfactory. The workers, refusing to scatter, are being forced out of the county. Eviction at a second camp, near here, has begun.

CALIPATRIA, Cal., Feb. 19.—Faced with unbreakable solidarity of 7500 striking pea pickers led by the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, the growers are desperate to save their profits and are unleashing another wave of terror like that of the recent lettuce strike.

More than 4500 acres around here and Nieland, are tied up, with less than 50 scabs working under armed guards in the entire area, despite the growers using every method of intimidation to force workers back into the fields.

As camp after camp was threatened with mass evictions by vigilantes, and the impounding of their cars, thousands of workers are assembling at "Young's" (Continued on Page 5, Col. 6)

Rush Relief!

With relief cut off, food, clothing and funds are more urgently needed than ever. The workers throughout the state have helped generously and by Thursday night \$232,64 had been received from San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego WIR collections. But this must immediately be increased, as a large part of that was used for maintaining the picket lines which have kept the strike solid. RUSH FUNDS to 852-8th Ave., San Diego.

Timber Workers Win Strike at Willapa Harbor

FORM LOCAL OF NATIONAL LUMBER WORKERS UNION

RAYMOND, Wash., Feb. 19.—The striking loggers of Camp No. 1 and No. 2 of the Willapa Harbor Lumber Co. have won a pay increase of 17 percent, recognition of the Loggers Adjustment Committees and the other demands put forward by the National Lumber Workers Industrial Union. Camp No. 1 returned to work Thursday and Camp No. 2 today.

When promises of pay increases to begin Jan. 1st did not come after a month, the fallers and breakers of the two camps struck and organized a mass picket line. The National Lumber Workers Union was immediately notified and organizers were sent. The company brought in forty men to break out when these men found a strike on, they joined it, and in the final settlement won \$15 each for their expenses in making the trip. To the meeting and if you will work with us we might be able to do something."

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LED 75 STARVING WORKERS INTO SALVATION ARMY KITCHEN

STOCKTON, Cal., Feb. 16.—In one of the rawest frame-ups in local history, Ray Gogan was sentenced to sixteen months in prison for "sading" 75 starving Mexican unemployed to the Salvation Army in January and demanding food for them.

In addition to a one year sentence, Gogan must work out a \$260 fine at \$2 a day, making four mouths more. Between 400 and 500 workers were present to hear the trial. The jury, composed of American Legionnaires and clubwomen and one weakling from the AFL painters union, listened only to the arguments of the Legionnaire Prosecutor, Gran, and the lies of police officers, four S. A. Flunkies and S. A. Capt. Strathee, who was not even present at the affair, and of Ben Culver, Federal relief head. Gogan put up a brilliant self-defense but the trial was cut and dried in advance. When Gogan asked for an adjournment, he was told the trial was over and he was sentenced to five days for contempt of court.

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PROMINENT WRITERS AND TRADE UNION LEADERS JOIN SCHOOL

Courses Increased to Thirty-one to Meet Big Demand

In line with the 100% increase in registration which is expected for the Spring Term of the San Francisco Workers School, plans have been made for a great broadening of school activities. Forums, lectures, concerts and exhibits will be held during the term, which opens March 5 and closes May 31.

The first exhibit is scheduled in conjunction with the Student Round-Up, March 3, at 8 p.m. It will comprise of a collection of Pastel Portraits of Revolutionary Working Class leaders, just completed by Comrade Mary Totoff. These are portraits of past and contemporary leaders of the entire world movement.

AF of L Members in Council

A School Advisory Council has been formed for the purpose of drawing into the work of the school the widest possible representation of revolutionary leaders and writers. The Council consists of the following: Langston Hughes, Negro writer; Ella Winter, Lincoln Steffens, writers; Sam Davis, District Organizer, CPUSA; George Morris, Editor, Western Worker; Beatrice Kinney, teacher; Anita Whitney;

Orange County Tree Fumigators Strike

SANTA ANA, Feb. 18.—Two hundred fumigators in Orange county struck last week against what are reported to be the most unbearable conditions of all orchard work.

The men used for fumigating fruit trees with the deadly poison-hydrogen cyanide gas—are only those made so desperate by hunger that they will take any work. Most workers who last two or three weeks, have their teeth ruined by the dangerous gas, and narrow escapes from death are common occurrences. The speed-up is terrific. One contractor increased the number of trees for each group of four men 60 to 68 trees, for fumigating which each man gets 50c. The crews of four handle between 65 and 85 big tents (many of which are 28 by 45 feet in size) for their 50c, and because the humidity and temperature must be just right the men report for work about two in the afternoon and often get in only 50c worth of work, after waiting several hours for the right conditions.

The men were unorganized, but 40 got disgusted and quit in a body. They went to the other jobs, and after taking a few minutes threw down the poles and the other men stopped work. Police cars were soon patrolling the area, and after three nights the strike was finally disrupted. But in it many of the men have learned that by such organized action was the only way they will win better conditions for themselves.

Santa Monica RWPU Wins Relief Cases

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Feb. 14. A committee of thirty from Local 4, Relief Workers Protective Union, went to the office of the office of the County Welfare today to demand relief for an unemployed woman worker and another unemployed worker. They insisted on immediate attention from Weinberg, supervisor of county charity. Although he phoned for eight police and refused to recognize the committee, he was forced to grant its demands. The committee is going again today and Saturday with other grievance cases.

Progressive Union of CWA, Jobless Grows in Idaho

POCATELLO ORGANIZATION REACHES 1,000; POLITICIANS WORRIED

POCATELLO, Idaho, Feb. 14.—Pocatello Progressive Union, an organization composed mainly of CWA workers, non-political and militant, has reached a membership of close to one thousand. A very capable president C. L. Card, and Charles E. Renberg, secretary, are at the helm.

Various attempts have been made by politicians in power to destroy the union, always resulting in more workers joining, and strengthening the militant spirit and the morale of the united workers.

Blackfoot, Buhl Organize

Blackfoot, a town close by, inspired by the success of P. P. U. have recently formed a similar organization there; and, last Monday, on their first meeting an attendance of 800 enthusiastic workers and farmers packed the hall, and 250 joined the organization.

Registrations are now being taken at Rutherford House, 121 Haight Street, the headquarters of the Workers School, and the School Office is open daily from noon to 10 p.m.

Workers School in L. A. Offers Eight Courses, Beg. Mar. 5

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Icor Worker Voted Best Plumber by Press Conference

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 13.—Comrade Blackman of the Oakland Icor and the Icor Culture Club was voted to be the hardest worker among the scores who worked on making possible last week's special East Bay edition of the Western Worker.

The Oakland Icor, active in exposing the bourgeois chauvinism behind the nationalistic Zionist movement, is now embarking on a campaign to purchase a truck for the Soviet colony of Jewish workers at Biro-Bidjan. They succeeded in fulfilling their quota for the Daily Freiheit, national language paper of the Jewish workers.

The Icor Culture Club will continue its series of lectures combatting Fascism and showing the class issues behind the oppression of the Jews in Germany. An entertainment to support the Western Worker drive is scheduled for the near future.

Both clubs meet at the Jewish Center, 734 14th St., Oakland.

—Arvin Worker.

ALL OUT - L. A. RED SUNDAY MAR. 4

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Feb. 16.—All workers will mobilize Sunday morning March 4th, 10:00 o'clock at the following points for the Southern-California-wide Red Sunday for the WESTERN WORKER:

WORKERS BOOKSHOP, Room 418, 224 So. Spring St.
NEEDLE TRADE Workers Ind. Union, 755 S. Main St.
COMMONWEALTH HOUSE, 1453 N Vine St. Hollywood
WORKERS CENTER, 1717 E. 92nd St.
WORKERS HOME, 4291 So. Main St.
WORKERS CENTER, 246 6th St., San Pedro.
R. W. P. U., 2711 Brooklyn Ave., Los Angeles.
JEWISH WORKERS CLUB, Wabash and Stone, L. A.
WORKERS CENTER, 1st and Alma Sts.
LABOR UNITY HALL, 546 So. Los Angeles St.
R. W. P. U., 741 Wall St.

1000 workers out Sunday morning March 4th!
1000 workers, 500 teams, 500 subs!

2500 extra WESTERN WORKERS with special Southern California news are ordered for the Red Sunday.

S.L.P. Faker Flops in Attempt to Build NRA Union in Arvin

ARVIN, Cal., Feb. 12.—A Socialist Labor Party faker held a meeting here Feb. 10 to form a so-called "Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union", which was to be 100 percent for the New Deal, and opposed to strikes, mass picketing, or any form of mass action.

The worker and poor farmers of this area are already wise to the New Deal and what it means for us. As a result, only 26 showed up at the meeting, and all but five walked out. A fellow by the name of Simpson, who is in thick with the local administrative grafters, was made president of the union.

The sanitary conditions in the camp are very bad. Blankets are taken from cots and used again without being disinfected. The blankets are taken from men in the sick wards who have infectious diseases and are given to healthy workers coming in. Many times sick men have been diagnosed as having tonsillitis, and have later collapsed entirely. When they were taken to the hospital, it was found that they had influenza or scarlet fever.

The reason why this faker could not succeed in misleading the workers here is because the Trade Union Unity League and the International Labor Defense have shown us, through last year's struggles, that the New Deal means starvation unless we organize for better wages and working conditions, and unless we have mass organization to protect ourselves from frame-ups by the courts and the police.

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BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Feb. 1.—The men working at the Bakersfield Fair Grounds, on relief jobs, are working under terrible conditions of forced labor. Case 432 had to sign an agreement to stay thirty days in the camp before he could get a pair of shoes. Thirty days of labor under the worst conditions for a pair of shoes.

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Case 429, a man of 78 years of age, suffered from a paralyzed right arm and a bad body rupture. Despite this, he was examined by the doctor and declared O. K. for work. He slept on the hard floor for four nights after a hard day's work, and finally got so sick that he collapsed.

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Detroit Auto Strikes Win

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Hotel, Restaurant Strikers Winning

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 16.—Encouraged by the victory Monday when the Dutch Henry restaurant settled with its 450 striking workers, the hotel and restaurant strike is carrying on militantly. The most impressive characteristic is the splendid solidarity of Negro and white workers in militantly picketing despite police attacks on the lines and numerous arrests. Hotel bosses, unable to break the strike, have now asked for a conference with the strike committee.

Air Mail Contract Scandal Spreads

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—The air mail contract scandal has spread to include the contract for carrying the foreign mail as Republican senators have hurled back charges at the Democratic administration in an effort to divert attention from the Hoover officials who let most of the contracts. Many were let without bidding. Pan-American having received a \$6,000,000 subsidy for South and Central American mail without having to compete with other firms. Pan-American was given a practical monopoly on the foreign air mail.

Railroads to Attempt New 15% Wage Cut

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 16.—A new wage slash of 15% on all railroad workers, effective July 1st, was announced today by the railroads. This cut is in addition to the present 10% cut, which latter, Roosevelt in an attempt to appear the friend of workers in this vital industry, has said should last for six months longer. The railroads have been heavily subsidized by the RFC. The 15% cut will be fought bitterly by the workers. Men of the Kansas City division of the Southern Pacific have announced a strike to begin March 1st against the cuts. Strike ballots were recently sent to the 26,000 men of the Chicago and Northwestern RR after a struggle by the rank and file, and the sentiment for a strike is spreading. The officials of the railroad brotherhoods, however, are doing nothing to prepare the workers for a struggle.

"Munson" Strike Wins Others Pay

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., Feb. 17.—Hearing of the strike of the crew of the "S. S. Munson", and fearing his crew would follow suit, the captain of the Munson liner "Pan America" today immediately paid his crew back wages overdue for months.

The strike of the "Munson" is led by the Marine Workers Industrial Union, and demands better pay and conditions for all ships of the Munson line.

Chicago Meet Prepares Fight on War

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 14.—At a two-day united front conference here, 175 delegates representing 70,000 organized workers, formed a branch of the American League Against War and Fascism. Attempts of Trotskyites and Lovestoneites to disrupt the conference were swept aside and the conference enthusiastically worked out a concrete program for active struggle against war in the industries in this vicinity.

1700 CWA Accidents in Massachusetts

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 8.—More than 1700 accidents and several deaths have already occurred on C. W. A. jobs in this state. At least 1600 of these get no compensation whatsoever.

"We Offer Bosses Our Services" Say AFL Bureaucrats

SANTA ANA, Calif., Feb. 12.—It is not necessary for the workers to call the AFL or L bureaucrats of Orange County takers or allies of the bosses, for the AFL or L Central Labor Council in a resolution just adopted about the Los Angeles milk strike led by the Milk Section, Food Workers Industrial Union, proudly declar-

ed that they are allies of the bosses.

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Two police cars left, not daring to repeat the attack of last year when, on the first Japan night, they smashed the John Reed Club in Hollywood.

Comrade Jim Saito was chairman and Karl Hama, editor of Rodo Shimbun, the main speaker.

A play "Mutiny on a British Tanker", based on the deportation of thirty Chinese marine workers from a British ship in San Pedro last year, was given by the Japanese Proletarian Drama League. It was followed by other features.

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By Arthur Fairchild

The imaginative history of a labor "leader's" day to day struggles.

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, who is a heavy purchaser, pays Dunhill \$60 the hundred for his cigars.—News note from the Motion Picture Herald.

Mr. Wm. F. Green is a busy man. In Bill's position as head of the A. F. of L., there are a lot of people who want to see you during the day and a lot more that you don't want to see. Take for instance the way in which Bill is bothered by delegations of union members instigated by the Reds. They come asking all sorts of impossible demands; they want unemployment insurance, recognition of rank and file committees, united front agreements—whatever they are, and they've even asked him when he and his gang are going to get out and let the workers run their organization.

Of course most of these people never get to see Bill. But he knows what they want because Matt Woll tells him and Matt gets it direct from the gunmen who guard the entrance to the A. F. of L. headquarters. That doesn't mean that no one ever gets to see Bill. No sirree, he's not that high-hat or exclusive. If you've got business to talk to Bill Green he'll let you in. And by business we mean

"No Strikes," Says Bill

But called upon to say a few words, Bill will let the cat out of the bag. He'll tell the white shirt-fronts and the open-breasted ladies that "labor" isn't selfish, don't want it all as they may think. Not the labor he knows. Bill gives them his solemn word that the "worrying man" is not a Bolshevik, he doesn't want to be at odds with them, doesn't care to strike and won't, says Bill, if he can stop them from doing so.

Well, Bill'll talk that way for a half-hour. And the lily white hands of all the men and the women will applaud Bill, especially when he tells them how he hates the Soviet Roostians, who have taken everything from the Czar's millionaires and left them so destitute. Bill really gets them when he talks along these lines. They just love him when he

Bill Green Smokes 60-Cent Cigars!**BUSINESS.**

If your name is Gerard Swope, or Walter Teague or some such gentlemen who come as representatives of the General Electric or Standard Oil, you don't ask—you must walk right in. Sometimes, too, Bill will oblige and go to their offices, or if they're good enough he'll gladly attend some nice dinner party they've arranged, and there is where you see Bill at his best. Sitting in back of a nice linen-spread table, with heavy silverware service and a roast canvas-back for an entree to wash down by Mum's 1902 champagne. Then Bill sits down. Those lily-white hands applaud so hard you'd think they'd be able to smash an egg in 'em.

Now, the 60¢ cigars are another story with Bill Green. It wasn't always 60 cents. There was a time when he smoked 'em a whole lot cheaper, but that was long before he became president of the A. F. of L. and before getting into the real heavy sugar. But if you know the A. F. of L. "leaders" you'd know by this time that being head of the whole shooting match is like being in a first class business, or to make it clearer, like being in a swell racket. You've seen it in the movies probably, how the president of a bank or big business will reach into the lower drawer and pull out a swell box of cigars for his best customers—well, that's the way it is with Bill Green, president of the American Federation of Labor. When a mill or mine owner comes into Bill's office mad as hell because their business has been closed up by a strike, Bill just cools him down with nice kind words and reaches

in that lower drawer, takes out the box and hands it over to the boiling capitalist. Nine times out of ten it has the desired effect. They'll look at the box, smile a little and then light 'er up. One puff and you'd never think it was the same gruff looking gent that came in the office a few minutes before, there's so many smiles on the face.

The Best Laid Plans

You've heard the old saying about the best laid plans of men and mice . . . Well, it happened to Green once and all on account of the 60 cents that Dunhill in New York makes for him. It was on one of the first days of the NRA and Bill was having the damndest time keeping the workers from striking. He was just fetching to leave his office, when W. T. Granville was announced. Granville has that big munitions plant in Connecticut and he'd just landed a big munitions order from the Japs. Millions were in his lap when his munitions workers decided to go on strike. It was enough to make a man like Granville go crazy. For three years he'd been depressed and just when he was getting ready to go in a big way, his men strike.

He shrieked and screamed at Bill that Bill's usual line had no effect at all. By tomorrow his men would be on strike and every day they were out meant a loss of thousands to him. Bill said he didn't understand how the men could go out when he had (absolutely) forbidden them to do so. This made Granville

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Astoria "Pick-Up" Farce Worker Shows**PROPAGANDA ONLY TO SOFT SOAP FIRING ON CWA JOBS**

ASTORIA, Ore., Feb. 10.—Another wage-cut has been put over on Astoria's unemployed "relief" workers. This is the third blow in two weeks at the living standard of Astoria's unemployed workers. Two weeks ago the CWA works were cut in half, and later the County Red Cross cut the script payment to its workers from 30c per hour to 25c per hour.

Figures released by the capitalist press reveal that 1322 native born workers, to say nothing of foreigners, are still "actively seeking employment". There have been 2744 applications for jobs, and 2267 "jobs" handed out, so that, with 1322 of the 2744 still looking for work, it is easy to see that the jobs handed out here are temporary odd jobs on farms, other work of that nature. Most of those who have secured jobs have had CWA work and now that is being cut down on because of the so-called "pick-up" in "private employment".

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BANKS AND SYNDICATES OWN MOST CALIF. FARMS

A recent survey made in the state of California reveals that more than half of the farm land in this state is either owned outright by banks or syndicates, or is managed and controlled by them.

Some time ago I talked with the great-grandson of the first American settler in the state of California. This farmer's ancestor came to California in 1830 and settled near Watsonville. At one time this family owned thousands of acres of land. Now they own about fifty acres, and their land is heavily mortgaged.

I was told that he was unable to market his produce and had to agree to "rent" his land by the year to a local packing house, which in turn is owned by a group of Santa Cruz and Watsonville bankers. The amount of the "rent" was only sufficient to pay the taxes and the interest to the bank, however the packing house permitted him to work on his ranch for twenty cents an hour. He told me how he had tried to market his produce, but was unable to do so. Said that it was impossible for an "independent" farmer to secure a market for his produce.

Down in the San Joaquin Valley nearly every other farm has a sign: "For Sale, Bank of America". These farms were acquired by the Bank of America when farmers were unable to

meet their interest. In most cases the original owner still lives on the ranch and is paid 15 or 20 cents an hour by the Bank to do the work. The Bank of America and the Security First National control the marketing of raisins and wine grapes in the valley. The fake co-operatives such as the Sun Maid Raisin Growers of Fresno are nothing but marketing combines controlled by the big bankers of this state.

Going into northern California large farms are owned or controlled by firms like Libby, McNeill & Libby, California Packing Co., etc. Syndicates like Miller & Lux own other large tracts. These companies also own or control practically all the canneries and packing houses and their own farms are able to produce all the fruit and vegetables required by their canneries and packing houses.

In a few years, if present conditions continue to exist, all the farms in this state will be owned by a few large combines and syndicates.

The N. R. A. with its price-fixing methods have aided these syndicates and have made them very prosperous during the past season. While these concerns are getting richer all the time, the independent farmer must let his crop rot on the ground and await absorption by the big interests.

—John Holt.

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MORE ABOUT PROFITS IN 1933.

The N. R. A. claims to be ending the crisis. Certainly it is not bringing prosperity for the workers, whose faster work has increased production but has brought them less compensation.

But here are a few who have profited by slashing wages and mounting prices: (*—denotes profit; **—denotes loss)

	Inc. 1933	1932	over 1932
Southern Pacific	\$9,057,074	\$5,606,157	\$3,450,917
Hercules Paper Co.	* 2,363,055	* 889,763	1,473,232
DuPont Co.	* 32,921,253	* 19,691,394	13,151,859
Fuller Brush Co., etc.	* 118,861	** 21,837	140,638
Howes Bros. Co.	* 247,213	* 157,557	83,656
West. Union Tel. Co.	* 4,205,546	** 1,398,454	5,603,800
Caterpillar Tractor Co.	* 302,716	** 1,616,873	1,919,589
Western Pac. R.R. Co.	* 387,710		
Alaska Packers Co.			
(53% interest held by Calif. Pack'g Corp.) * 320,670	* 1,560,243	1,880,913	

OUT OF YOUR MEAGER PAY.

29¢ out of every dollar income went for taxes in 1933. In 1923 it was 10¢.

Of the 29¢ out of every dollar, 6 1/2¢ went for Federal taxes, 3 1/2¢ for State and 10¢ for municipal taxes.

CULTURAL ADVANCEMENT IN SOVIET UNION.

Today more than half of the 160 million people in the Soviet Union are attending schools or receiving instruction in other organizations, classes and institutes.

Another significant figure is the success achieved in increasing literacy in the Soviet Union. The percentage of those who can read and write has increased as follows:

1913	30% literates
1932	90% literates

CHILDREN INTO SCHOOLS IN U. S. S. R.

Pre-school children in creches and kindergartens School Children

1914	1/2 million	9 million
1928	5 million	23 million

CHILDREN TAKEN OUT OF SCHOOL IN U. S. A.

In the prosperity year of 1929 there were 1,682,778 children from 5 to 17 years of age not at school, and in 1933, as observed by the SCHOOL ARTS magazine for Feb., 1934, "there are 2,230,000 children of school age who should be in school but are not".

This magazine also quotes "nearly 2,000 rural schools in 24 states failed to open this fall".

"In some communities free public schools have become tuition schools."

"In one town, of 200 children, those whose parents could not pay tuition charges were being denied an education".

STUDENTS RECEIVE STIPEND IN SOVIET UNION.

Not only is there no charge for tuition to Soviet Schools, but students at universities, for example, receive a monthly allowance.

BOOK PUBLISHING IN U. S. S. R.

1913	25,000 titles	1923	35,000 titles
1922	10,000 titles	1931	55,000 titles

NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED IN U. S. S. R.

1913	900 newspapers with circulation of 2.5 million
1928	600 newspapers with circulation of 7.5 million
1932	6,600 newspapers with circulation of 37.5 million

A Unit Circulating Library

Does your Unit have a circulating library? You should. It's the simplest job, and here is how it works.

The comrade in charge of agitation and propaganda (Ag-prop) takes care of it. The unit decides that from now on a single copy of every pamphlet or classic put out by our publishers, should be bought out of the unit treasury and placed in the unit library. Every comrade in the unit, and sympathizers are asked to donate whatever pamphlet or book he has already read and can dispense with to the unit library. In that way you'll be surprised how soon it will grow to a hundred or more pieces of literature.

At every meeting about 5 minutes are devoted to returning the pamphlets loaned at the previous meeting, and picking out another one. In that way, many comrades who don't read much get into the habit, in addition to the fact that many who cannot afford to buy any can get them.

In units where this scheme operates, the political level of the comrades advances very well.

Just one more tip. No pamphlets are to be loaned out if the previous one is not returned. A record should be kept in a special note book.

EDITORIAL**YOUR RESPONSE.**

The workers are thinking many important thoughts. We know that, because our mail is crowded with comment and questions from workers to this department. But the response to our appeals to the intellectuals has but small increase. What does that mean? It there no interest in writing short stories and live articles? The ability is there because we have received samples of much good work. Maybe Joaquin Murieta, the burden of government, and the other topics we suggested do not inspire. Well, choose your own subject! But join the growing ranks of revolutionary writers. Don't let the weight of a decadent capitalist culture crush your creative abilities!

Fundamentals of a Communist Political Education**Lecture 5****Industrial Capitalism — Finance Capitalism — From Free Competition to Monopoly — Concentration and Centralization — Strike Tactics and Imperialism**

The laws of CONCENTRATION AND CENTRALIZATION which operated under capitalism is evident from the fact that despite the existence of anti-trust laws, the development of monopolies continued at a faster rate in the U. S. than in most any country in the world. We list below the figures to show how this law of concentration and centralization operated in the field of finance:

No. of Banks Decrease
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New Mexico Jobless March on Santa Fe

HUNGER MARCHERS DEFY BLIZZARD

Frisco Pwps officials have had the first proof of the raising of the cultural level, not as a result of their own efforts, however. Anyway, the Coit Memorial Tower, where the artists are doing one of the Public Works Art Projects, blossomed forth the other day with the work of younger, inspired painters who with bold brush-strokes and daring technique inscribed on the outer base, "ALL WAR FUNDS TO THE UNEMPLOYED!"

SONG OF THE "SOCIALISTS" OF TODAY—
(Sung to tune of 'Old Black Joe')

Gone are the days
When we fought the workers' fight,
Gone are the days
When we knew the workers' plight,
Gone are our plans
To overthrow the state.
We'll pull the mass, with voices calling—

Wait! — WAIT! — WAIT!!

(Chorus): It's coming, it's coming,
But it's coming slow,
When workers call for action,
We say "No, NO! NO!"

The House Committee for dis-
posal of useless executive papers
has resigned and thrown Congress
into a furor. There's so much
work involved in burning them
that no Congressman wants to
take it on, claiming the hours
exceed even the NRA's most elastic
allowances. And so Congress
is threatened with being buried
under a pile of its own construction.

BRIGHT SAYINGS OF CHILDREN:

"In six months the government
allocated through the PWA three
billion three hundred million dol-
lars with not a hint of graft."

—Secretary Ickes.

Some of the exclusive depart-
ment stores are wishing they
hadn't been so eager to aid their
society customers during the old
"Buy Now" campaign. For many
bought and few have paid.

A complaint now before the
NRA demands the ending of low
priced sale of books in drug
stores. After looking over the
assortment of x-ray biographies,
phonies, philosophy, detective
yarns and "How-to-Made-God"
stories, the complainant seems un-
justified, for what are they but
butchered drugs?"

The recent bank robbery of
Dillworth Sumpter, Socialist Party
candidate for Congressman from
Arizona last year, is the
first time on record that a Socialist
has tried to rob a capitalist
instead of the workers.

MODESTO, Cal., Feb. 9th.—
Pity the poor sons of Modesto
who are cruising about the town
in search of workers to beat up
and yet must do their cruising
without adequate car radio equipment!

The situation has become so
unbearable (from the poor cons) that it has been decided to hold
a public dance in order to raise
the \$1,400 necessary to install
a "two-way radio service" in each
cop's swanky car.

So now the workers of Modesto
are to be called upon to furnish
the money—to buy the radio
—to help the cops—to keep the
workers from fighting for bread.

—D. R.

The height of idiocy in the
Nazi smoke-screen in America is
that of the Friends of New Germany
that the NRA is a plan to
create a Soviet government in the
United States.

"Look closely at the Blue
Eagle," says Dietrich Gekin.
"On one wing are seven feathers,
indicating seven geographical
divisions of Russia; on
the other are ten feathers, indicating
ten political divisions in
the USSR."

He'd have done better to have
said "Look at the cogwheel of
industry in the right foot, it
indicates the only place in the
world where industry is going
full blast." But, there is propaganda
even in idiocy.

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A STRONG WESTERN WORKER

WIR Opens Social Cultural Centers in Neighborhoods

By Ed Royce

WAR CHEST:

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CP Unit 13, Firestone	2.00
CP Unit 10	.85
CP Unit 8, Downtown	1.00
	\$ 4.85
SACRAMENTO: Stockton Lenin Memorial and Unit 5, Sacramento	5.77
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Film, Sacramento	8.00
	\$16.66
SAN FRANCISCO: Lenin Branch, I. W. O.	2.00
CP Unit 3, House Party	7.50
CP Unit 12	2.50
CP Unit 24	4.10
CP Unit 1	3.06
EAST BAY: CP Unit 3, Oakland	2.00
EUREKA: Movie showing	\$ 2.00
SONOMA: Santa Rosa	3.00
FREIHEIT, 25%	10.00
	\$142.40
TOTAL THIS WEEK	\$198.07
PREVIOUSLY ACKNOWLEDGED	\$3341.49
TOTAL TO DATE ON DRIVE	\$3539.56
BALANCE TO RAISE	\$1460.44

SUBSCRIBERS' ARMY —

Los Angeles	36
San Francisco	13
East Bay	7
Sacramento	22
San Luis Obispo	2
Petaluma	1
Monterey	1
Eureka	4
San Jose	2
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San Francisco —
MARCH 17 — BIG RECEPTION for delegates to the Communist Party district convention, 8:00 p. m., Workers Center, 1223 Fillmore St. Big program, speakers, dancing, eats. Admission 25 cents. All organizations will please cooperate by holding no San Francisco Bay area affairs on this night.

Archie Brown Tour of California Cities Continues

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 10.—Over 200 workers, a large portion of them youth, heard Archie Brown speak on "Youth in the Soviet Union" at the Workers Center. The YCL uniform, Archie wears created quite a bit of enthusiasm. \$18.00 was raised to help put the Oakland YCL in uniform. Several young workers put in applications for membership in the YCL.

In Berkeley, Feb. 11, over 100 at Archie Brown meeting. Anti-War slides received a big hand. \$6.00 raised for uniforms.

In Stockton, Feb. 12, Young Communist League unit organized in Stockton as result of meeting. 150 present. \$5.80 raised for uniforms.

Comrade Brown will speak in Richmond Wed., Feb. 21; Palo Alto Fri., Feb. 23; San Jose Sat., Feb. 24; Santa Cruz Sun., Feb. 25; Watsonville Mon., Feb. 26; Salinas Tues., Feb. 27; Castroville Wed., Feb. 28; Monterey Thurs., Mar. 1.

Following these meetings he will speak in Southern California. YCL Griffith Park Outing a Success

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 11—Over 100 YCL members and friends turned out to the second bi-monthly outing held by the YCL. 100 YCL members practiced marching in regular squad formation. The drill was so enthusiastic that a Marine watching the practice volunteered his services in helping drill the squads.

The YCL basketball team took a sound drubbing when it stacked up against a church team.

YCL Organizes More New Units

Several new units of the YCL were organized last week. Most important were: Unit of seamen on the San Francisco waterfront; unit in a CCC camp in southern California; Unit in Tucson, Ariz.

LANGSTON HUGHES SPEAKS at BIG JAPAN NIGHT Sat., Mar. 3rd, 1223 Fillmore St. Japanese program and chop suey dinner Benefit of Rodo Shimabukuro.

COME AND JOIN THE STUDENT ROUND-UP! Sat., night March 3. Given by students of Workers School, Ruthenberg House, 121 Haight St. Dancing, entertainment, speakers, Adm. 25c, unemployed with cards 5c.

THE CONFERENCE of Jewish workers organizations in support of the Jewish Workers Childrens School is arranging a concert on Sat., March 3rd, at 1740 O'Farrell St. Sunday

All Day Restaurant at same address. Proceeds to school.

Mass Meeting Protests Beating

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 12th.—Four hundred workers massed at the Philosophers Club meeting last Sunday protested against the terroristic attack, beating, and firing of four workers from Camp Marwedell.

The five workers, Stone, Bacula, Nelson, and Williams had organized a protest among the camp workers against miserable conditions there. The camp's bosses incited the more backward workers to make a brutal attack upon these workers, and they were then fired.

The protest meeting demanded that the workers should be immediately reinstated, that all back wages due to them should be paid, that they should be paid for all the lost time due to firing, and that the rights of all workers to organize for better conditions should be recognized and enforced.

joining the Communist Party.

Calexico Trial

In Calexico the trial of Emma Cutler, International Labor Defense organizer, Clarence Lynch, ILD attorney, and Chas. Hoffman, continues with the beginning of examination of prosecution witness. The first week of the trial was spent in finally seating a jury after exhausting several panels.

In El Centro, five comrades—Jeanette Elman, Bill Sherman, Le Palomarez, F. Samora and Padronera—were freed of charges of vagrancy. At once a demonstration formed and went to the jail where other comrades were held and called out the news, and for fifteen minutes the jail rocked with revolutionary songs and shouted slogans as the comrades celebrated their victory with them. Twenty are in jail yet.

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David Martinez, R. Salazar and F. Bustamante, arrested this week for "disturbing the peace" are being tried in Brawley. Eight others will follow on the same charges. When the three refused to plead guilty, four new charges were placed against them. ILD attorney Breeden presented affidavits proving the judge and jury were prejudiced, and the judge ruled in his own favor and went on with the trial. Twelve panels were exhausted before the jury was finally chosen.

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Editorial Column

More Recovery Lies to Prepare for Lay-offs

Approaching the first anniversary of the "New Deal" comes the announcement that the first of a series of layoffs to liquidate the C. W. A. by May 1st is in effect. 572,000 workers will be kicked off the payroll by Feb. 23. Then a ten percent lay-off weekly. In addition, following Hugh Johnson's insistence that CWA workers were in clover, and their wages should be reduced, the minimum wage is set at 30 cents per hour, effective not later than March 1st. We already have some experience on the meaning of the word "minimum" which usually turns to "maximum". This will undoubtedly be the lot of the majority, and only a few of the favorite supporters to the grafting CWA politicians will get the privilege of working for the "prevailing wage", during the remaining weeks.

The concession from the Roosevelt administration is that, instead of an abrupt lay-off this month, the CWA will be tapered off. The advice was taken of those in the administration, that an abrupt layoff would be a signal for the greatest mass protests yet experienced. Furthermore it certainly would not make for a very enthusiastic celebration on March 4th when all the available steam is to be blown off on how Roosevelt "pulled us out of the crisis."

NEW BALLYHOO BLAST

Coincident with the announcement that 4,000,000 who thought they had jobs will join the army of the unemployed, the San Francisco News, one of the most apologetic newspapers for the present regime, blares out with a headline "Jobs Increase, Survey Shows". Then follows the most lying set of figures that ever emanated from the Labor Department in Washington. The "News" knows it, but relies on the unfortunate fact that many will only see the headline, or not even bother reading the rest of the story. But we need hardly offer any counter figures to show how brazenly they lie. Their own will suffice, and indicate how little we can rely upon them.

The reports claim that the cost of living index has hardly changed during the year of 1933, that it stood at 132.1 on December 1932, and at 135 on December 1933. A less than 3% increase. Is there a sane person who will believe this?

This figure should give us an idea how much we must discount to get the true number that remains unemployed. The report claims that there was an increase of employment in manufacturing and non-manufacturing industry over March 1, 1933, by 2,387,000. Incidentally we might recall the many headlines that appeared, claiming up to 6 million had gone back to work, especially the famous one that 6 million will be back on jobs by Labor Day. All the lying and padding still cannot bring it higher than 2,387,000. This leaves, according to the AF of L survey, also used by the government, about 11,000,000 unemployed. But if we agree that there were 17,000,000 unemployed on March 1933, as even some of the most prominent business survey bulletins were forced to admit, then the figure is much higher.

EMPLOYMENT HAS BEEN DROPPING

But is there even a remote possibility that 2,387,000 returned to work during the year? We might agree only if the Labor Department calls the CWA fare, jobs.

For instance, a review of the employment figures given out by the State Labor Commissioner of California, for the past four months shows a continual decline in employment, even despite the holiday rush and the stimulus of the CWA. We get the following:

	Payrolls	Employment
October compared with Sept.	13.6% drop	13.6% drop
November compared with Oct.	5.7	10.2
December compared with Nov.	2.7	4.5
January compared with Dec.	1.7	2.2

Here we have covered the period of the CWA to date and it only helped reduce, BUT DID NOT STOP THE DROP in employment. California's example can be repeated in most of the important states, and the West Coast is by no means the worst section of the country.

The four million CWA workers are therefore being demobilized in face of a failure to reduce unemployment, and together with those now will make the greatest unemployed army in the U. S. since the crisis started. The only promise they have is that they will be put on the miserable relief again, which with all the bad features of the CWA, is still far worse.

The only remedy elements such as those represented by the "News" have, is to surpass any of the previous ballyhoo campaigns, with fake recovery headlines, and a series on "Thirty Days that Rocked the Nation" intended to show us how Roosevelt "saved" us. All this is to fertilize the ground for the grand celebration on March 4th.

FASCISTS WANT ARMY CONTROL

On the other hand the openly fascist elements in the U. S. come forth with the remedy that the vast army of jobless be placed under army supervision or it will go under Communist leadership.

Says Richard Washburn Child, leading Hearst writer, in an editorial entitled "CWA's Discontented Become Menace Unless Ruled By Army":

"Fascists can be no greater than mobilizing the unemployed so that they in their misfortune become conscious of their political force, or worse still, conscious of their power to make their protests effective in a manner outside of law and order".

Turn the mobilized over to the training of the Army, and of every competent group of active and reserve officers which can be summoned for the task".

"There is no menace greater today than the Red leadership certain to come unless this administration, at a crisis will furnish to the mobilized unemployed a leadership of discipline and patriotism".

The open fascists, of whom Hearst is a leading representative, follow the logic of their war program, as the only solution for the crisis. "Make the Unemployed a reserve for the slaughter", they shout. The menace they see is a menace to the multi-millionaires in the U. S.

BIG FIGHT AHEAD

The question is put before the workers clearly—the leadership of the Fascists or of the Communists. War, Fascism, and forced labor, or the fight for Unemployment Insurance, for more and better relief, against forced labor, war and all the other features that go along with the "New Deal".

There must be no demobilization, as the lay-offs take effect. The organizations on the CWA jobs, and the Unemployed Councils must mobilize for the greatest demonstrations yet witnessed in the United States.

A year of the Roosevelt administration has convinced millions that all the promises are empty gestures.

Will a family of four be content to exist on a little over \$5.00 per week as given in San Francisco? Will CWA workers go back on food baskets of rotten vegetables? Will millions again humiliates themselves before the hated charities? Will husbands and sons willingly go to the forced labor camps under Army supervision?

The answer must be the loudest NO that was ever given—

THE MOST POWERFUL MOVEMENT BEHIND THE PROGRAM ADOPTED AT THE RECENT CONGRESS OF JOBLESS WHICH MET IN WASHINGTON!

FOR RELIEF EQUAL TO C. W. A. WAGES!

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE BOSSSES!

Tale of Two Meetings

By Fred Hopkins

Nothing could better illustrate the bankruptcy of pacifism, liberalism and Zionism than the comparison of two anti-Fascist meetings held in San Francisco on two successive nights.

On Tuesday night, February 13, Samuel Untermeyer, prominent New York attorney, spoke to 10,000 people at the Civic Auditorium, under the auspices of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League. Untermeyer is president of the latter organization.

The following night Lord Marley, Chairman of the World Committee to Aid Victims of German Fascism and editor of the Brown Book of the Hitler Terror, addressed 3500 at the San Francisco Opera House.

Although both of these meetings were supposed to be dedicated to the same cause, there was as much difference between the two meetings as between day and night.

I.—THE UNTERMAYER MEETING.

The meeting opened with a violin solo "Serenade Pathetique". And the speakers did their best to make the meeting as pathetic as possible.

The keynote of the meeting was struck by the chairman, Hon. John L. McNab, prominent attorney and big-shot in San Francisco. From his opening remarks it was evident that this was not so much a meeting to protest against Hitlerism, as it was to tell people to sleep concerning the rapid spread of Fascism in the United States.

O'Connell — "Labor's Champion"

John O'Connell, reactionary Secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council was introduced as the representative of Labor "in this campaign for human rights". Mr. O'Connell immediately assured the audience that the meeting was under respectable auspices. Was it not backed by Mr. William Green, President of the AF of L, another valiant fighter for "human rights"?

O'Connell, in a beautifully prepared speech, waxed eloquent in his best Fourth of July style about our free country, great institutions, justice, liberty, etc.

Labor, had always protested against injustices, said O'Connell. It had protested against Jewish pogroms in Czarist Russia; against the slaughter of Armenians by Turks; against English persecution of the Irish, etc.

He forgot to add that Jewish pogroms and Armenian massacres were stopped by the Bolshevik revolution to which he was and is opposed. Also that the Irish workers and poor farmers are still being persecuted and exploited by the English and Irish landlords and capitalists, with the help of the labor fakers of Ireland and England.

Mr. O'Connell pointedly forgot to mention anything about Fascism in California as exemplified by the treatment of the milk strikers in Los Angeles and agricultural workers in the San Joaquin and Imperial Valleys. Of course, it is better politics for Mr. O'Connell to be an anti-Fascist German rather than in California. Every intelligent worker and intellectual knows that it was the German labor skates and the Socialist Party leaders, who, by their continual betrayal of the German working class paved the way for Hitler. And they also know that this is the same clan in America is greasing the machinery for American Fascism.

What Untermeyer Left Out—

Here are a few little details that Untermeyer left out of his speech. He did not expose the economic basis of Hitler's anti-Semitism, whereby Hitler enlisted the support of large numbers of the "Aryan" middle class by convincing them by buying an American cigar lighter rather than a German one, and feel that you have helped in the struggle against German Fascism and for your Jewish brothers and sisters, if you happen to be a Jew.

Marley Describes Hitler Opposition

Marley not only dealt with Hitler's atrocities against the Jewish people, Catholic and Protestant workers, trade unions, and all militant workers and sympathizers, but he described the organization and rapid spread of the United Front of revolutionary forces which are undermining the Hitler regime.

"In Germany at present," said Marley, "there is a wide-spread underground movement against the Nazis. This has been accomplished by dropping old grievances.

However, for Untermeyer and Co., talk of boycotts, crossing the picket line, etc.

get the most for their money, boycott or no boycott, are as a rule failures. Gandhi's boycott of British goods failed. The boycott of Henry Ford fizzled. The

boycott of California products to compel the freedom of Tom Mo-

ney flopped. And after all the talk of boycotting Japan we find that during the past month Japan broke all her previous records for the export of cotton goods.

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